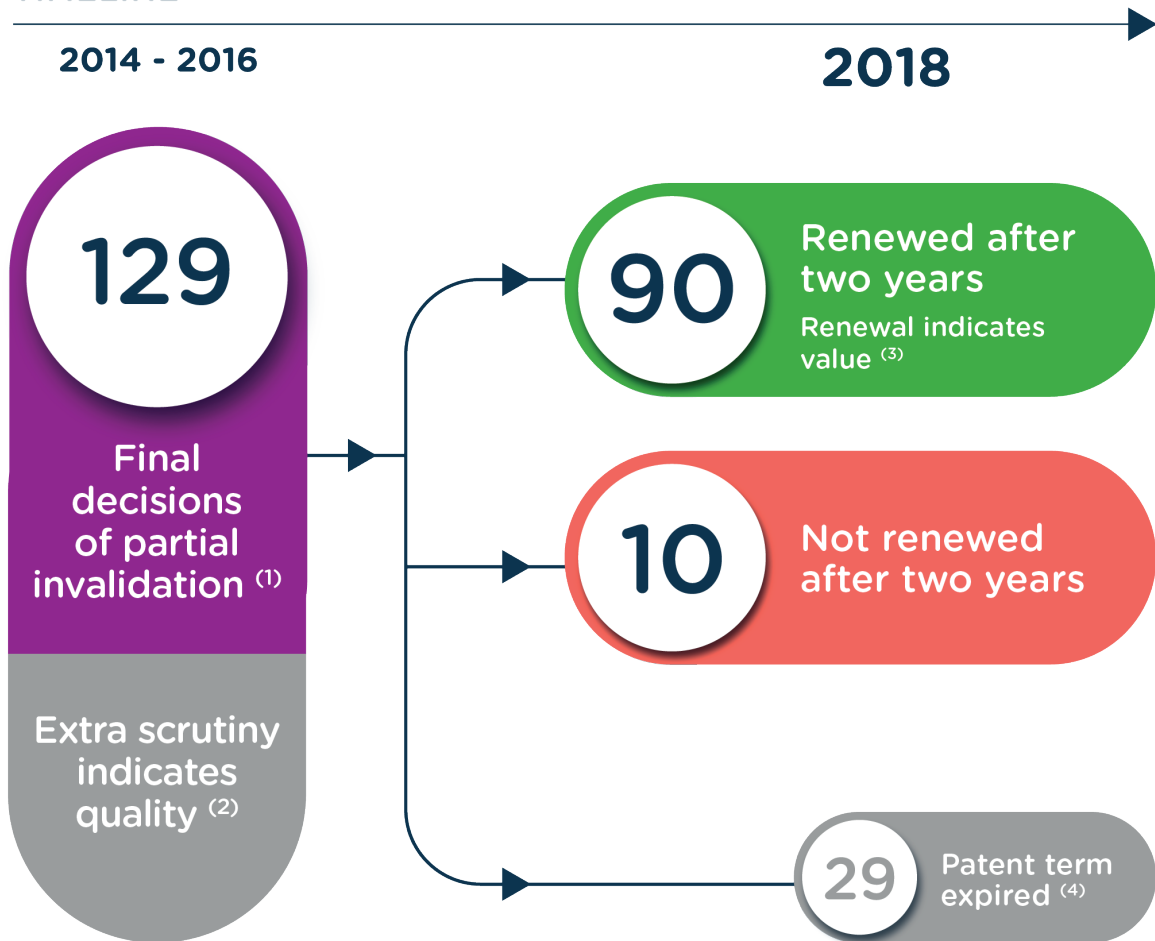


## German data shows partially (in)validated patents are still commercially valuable

### TIMELINE



### Conclusion

When facing a decision, patent holders renew **90% of the partially (in)validated patents** for at least two years, confirming their **value**

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## Data & Sources

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### Value

Germany is used as an indicator because it hears by far the most infringement cases in Europe.

1. Final decisions mean that either the first decision was not appealed, or it was appealed and the outcome at the German Federal Court of Justice (Bundesgerichtshof) was also a partial invalidation. Source: Contreras, Hector Axel and Spyros Makris (2020), "The Value of (Partially) Invalidated Patents" IAM Magazine no. 101, available at [https://www.4ipcouncil.com/download\\_file/916/243](https://www.4ipcouncil.com/download_file/916/243).
2. These patents undergo a high level of scrutiny as they are reviewed by the patent office and by two different courts. Source: Tapia Garcia, Claudia (2016) "Assessing the Quality of European Patents." IAM Magazine no. 80
3. Since the cost of maintaining a patent increases over time, the owner only renews if the patent is valuable.
4. No value statement can be given about the expired patents.